

The Chair, Jack Steiner at 7:00pm called the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting to order. Those present included George Lagassa, Lloyd Sullivan (Selectmen), and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator).

The Selectmen reviewed the meeting minutes of June 5th and 12th. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to accept the minutes of June 5th and 12th. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Administration/Business
- b. Minutes - June 5th and 12th, 2000

Senator Beverly Hollingworth - 7:00pm

The TA introduced Senator Hollingworth and apologized for his lapse of memory in placing Senator Hollingworth on the agenda. The Board welcomed the Senator. Senator Hollingworth began with good news informing those present that the State had reached an agreement with PSNH over electric rates. It was explained that residential rates would begin decreasing approximately 5% for four months. Senator Hollingworth also noted that the Senate had recently passed legislation regarding free prescription drug availability (not available for all prescription drugs) for non and under insured individuals and families. The Foundation for Healthy Communities, a not-for-profit foundation, would administer the program. It was explained that local Welfare Administrators could refer clients seeking payments for prescription drugs to the Foundation. It was next reported that New Hampshire, alone among its neighbors, was experiencing a deficit for the year of approximately 100 million dollars and the deficit was projected to increase to 400 million by 2003 largely as a consequence of the statewide property tax. The Board thanked the Senator for her visit and hoped that she would return.

- c. Payroll
- d. Manifest
- e. NRCS - Amended Agreement for Salt Marsh (additional grant money)

The TA explained that the NRCS amended agreement provided funding for the culvert construction and dredge work on the main trunk. The NRCS was originally slated for purchase of the culvert. However, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife was now providing an additional \$200,000 to purchase the culvert scheduled to be placed underneath Route 1A. Mr. Lagassa inquired about the origination of the extra funding. The TA noted that he had written Senator Greg requesting additional funding. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to accept the amended agreement. Mr. Steiner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

- f. DES - Wetlands permit (Paul Ogier / Dick Wollmar)
- g. DES - Amended permit Salt Marsh
- h. DOT - Driveway permit (Greg Taylor)
- i. Abatement Request - Ed Jewell (258.80)

The TA presented the written request concerning Mr. Jewel's abatement request on behalf of his mother. It was explained that Ms. Jewell was currently in a nursing home and that the total amount of the abatement was \$258.80. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the abatement request. Mr. Steiner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Selectmen's Issues

Space Needs Update

Mr. Steiner provided the Board with a preliminary cost estimate for developing office space above the police station. The amount was approximately \$106,000 and included items such as carpeting, office dividers, heating/air system, bathroom and lift. The estimate was based upon providing a generic space that was easily configurable to accommodate overflow office space needs while the Town develops a longer-range plan for the municipal complex. Once again everyone agreed that the space crunch was severe.

Telecommunications Tower Update

The TA briefed the Board about the telecommunication tower issue. The Lamprey property had been identified on the deed and the Town counsel was currently drawing-up the necessary documents to pass the property from Joanne Lamprey to the Town.

Budget Encumbrances

The Board reviewed approved purchase orders for the following work and their attendant costs.

i.	Roof Repair (Gen. Gov't Blds) -	\$13,275
ii.	Tractor Repair (Hwy Dept) -	\$ 4,760
iii.	Tank Replacement Engine 3 (FD) -	\$ 6,950
iv.	Records Storage Warrant Article -	\$11,821.63
v.	Soils Boring Warrant Article -	\$ 3,500
		\$40,306.63

The roofing bid had been previously awarded and work was scheduled to begin in late August. The Highway department was having the 30-year-old Ford tractor engine rebuilt so that it could continue to be used to mow the sides of the roads. The Fire Department's Engine 3 tank was leaking and was also scheduled for repairs. The metal tank was being replaced with a high-density plastic tank. The remaining funds from the records storage warrant article were being carried over to complete the project. The soils boring work had been done, but the contractor had yet to send the bill, so the money in the warrant article was being carried over to allow payment for the work. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to encumber the funds as listed above. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Brooks Valuation Update

The TA briefed the Board on the status of the HWW appraisal noting that Jim Brooks had phoned to say that the report would be in the office on Wednesday (6/28/2000), but final payment would not be paid until review of the report.

Review of Proposed Ordinances by the Police Department

Mr. Sullivan briefed the Board on the proposed ordinances covering excessive noise, drug paraphernalia, and alarm systems. The excessive noise dealt with vehicular noise. The drug paraphernalia ordinance was proposed as a means of issuing a local summons for possession of drug paraphernalia. The summons would result in a local fine, rather than having the incident go through the court system and having the PD incur excessive labor costs related to the case. The alarm ordinance sought to place a limit on the number of false alarms. All alarm systems would need a permit and would also be required to be kept in good working order. Too many false alarms would result in fines. The Board agreed to have the ordinances posted at the town office and library as well as on the web site for public comment prior to the public hearing on the ordinances.

Parking Lot and Septic Easement at Centennial Hall

The TA reported that Don Gould had provided language for the lease of Town owned land for parking purposes by the Friends of Centennial Hall on a yearly basis. When the language was finished the TA agreed to run it by town counsel prior to bringing it before the Board for approval.

Excavation Bond

Mr. Sullivan noted that he had requested an excavation bond from Chuck Lamprey for work he was doing behind MacDonald's and that the Board needed to formally accept the bond. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to accept the excavation bond in the amount of \$70,000. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The TA suggested that the Board may want town counsel to prepare an excavation policy to cover such activities including utility excavations. The Board agreed.

Questions & Comments

Mr. Harned briefed the Board on the water quality of private wells near the intersection of Lovering Road and Walnut Avenue. He explained that the water had a very strong odor and samples that were tested had excessive amounts of iron and manganese. Mr. Harned suggested that there might be a correlation between the condition of the water in the private wells to the HWW commercial pumping of wells #17, #18 and #19 because of their close proximity. Large water withdrawals may well be affecting the water quality of the nearby private wells. It was noted that Mr. Betcher lived on the highest point of land near the commercial well sites, but that Mr. Betcher's private well did not exhibit the same diminution of water quality as his neighbor's wells.

Mr. Landman noted that Al's Seafood was paving his parking lot without a permit and that Paul Charron should be notified. It was explained that Mr. Charron had looked into it and that Al's Seafood was in compliance.

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40pm. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to adjourn Mr. Lagassa seconded. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator